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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING A SERVICE TO TRANSFER MESSAGES OVER A

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK Attorney Docket No.: P-1 CIP MG

## **Enclosed are:**

- [X] Specification, claims, Abstract
- [X] <u>20</u> sheet(s) of drawings

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- [X] An Assignment of the Invention
- [X] A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- A Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 34 CFR 1.27 (will follow)
- [X] Priority is claimed on the basis of parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/578,756 filed May 25, 2000.

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